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My Lords, and Gentlemen,

IN purſuance of the Authority given to us by His Majeſty's Commiſſion under the Great Seal, amongſt other Things, to declare the Cauſes of His holding this Parliament; His Majeſty has been graciouſly pleas'd to direct us to aſſure you, that He always receives the higheſt Satisfaction, in being able to lay before you any Events, that may promote the Honour and Intereſt of His Kingdoms.

That, in conſequence of your Advice, and enabled by that Aſſiſtance which you unanimouſly gave Him, His Majeſty has exerted His Endeavours to carry on the War in the moſt vigorous Manner, in order to that deſirable End, always to be wiſh'd, a ſafe and honourable Peace. It has pleaſed the Divine Providence to bleſs His Majeſty's Meaſures and Arms with Succeſs in ſeveral Parts; and to make our Enemies feel, that the Strength of *Great Britain* is not to be provok'd with Impunity.

We have it alſo in Command from His Majeſty to acquaint you, that the Conqueſt of the ſtrong Fortreſs of *Louisbourg*, with the Iſlands of *Cape Breton* and *St. John*; the taking of *Frontenac*, of the higheſt Importance to our Operations in *North America*; and the Reduction of *Senegal*; cannot fail to bring great Diſtreſs upon the *French* Commerce and Colonies; and, in Proportion, to procure great Advantages to our own. That Nation has alſo been made ſenſible, that, whilſt their Forces are ſent forth to invade and ravage the Dominions of their Neighbours, their own Coaſts are not inacceſſible to His Majeſty's Fleets and Armies. This they have experienced in the Demolition of their Works at *Cherburg*, erected at a great Expence, with a particular View to annoy this Country; and in the Loſs of a great Number of Ships and Veſſels; but no Treatment, however injurious to His Majeſty, could tempt Him to make Retaliation on the innocent Subjects of that Crown.

In *Germany*, His Majeſty's good Brother the King of *Pruſſia*, and Prince *Ferdinand* of *Brunſwick*, have found full Employment for the Armies of *France*, and her Confederates; from which our Operations, both by Sea, and in *America*, have derived the moſt evident Advantage. Their Succeſſes, owing, under God, to their able Conduct, and the Bravery of His Majeſty's Troops, and thoſe of His Allies, have been ſignal and glorious.

His Majeſty has further commanded us to obſerve to you, that the Common Cauſe of Liberty and Independency is ſtill making noble and vigorous Efforts, againſt the unnatural Union form'd to oppreſs it. That the Commerce of His Subjects, the Source of our Riches, has, by the vigilant Protection receiv'd from His Majeſty's Fleet, flouriſh'd in a Manner not to be parallel'd during ſuch Troubles. In this State of Things, His Majeſty, in His Wiſdom, thinks it unneceſſary to uſe many Words to perſuade you to bear up againſt all Difficulties; effectually to ſtand by, and defend His Majeſty; vigorouſly to ſupport the King of *Pruſſia*, and the reſt of His Majeſty's Allies; and to exert yourſelves to reduce our Enemies to equitable Terms of Accommodation.

Gentlemen of the Houſe of Commons,

The uncommon Extent of this War, in different Parts, occaſions it to be uncommonly expenſive. This His Majeſty has order'd us to declare to you, that He ſincerely laments, and feels deeply for the Burdens of His People. The ſeveral Eſtimates are order'd to be laid before you; and His Majeſty deſires only ſuch Supplies, as ſhall be requiſite to puſh the War with Advantage, and be adequate to the neceſſary Services.

My Lords, and Gentlemen,

His Majeſty has, in the laſt Place, graciouſly commanded us to aſſure you, that He takes ſo much Satisfaction in that good Harmony which ſubſiſts amongſt His faithful Subjects, that it is more proper for Him now to thank you for it, than to repeat His Exhortations to it. This Union, neceſſary at all Times, is more eſpecially ſo in ſuch critical Conjunctures; and His Majeſty doubts not but the good Effects we have found from it, will be the ſtrongeſt Motives to you to purſue it.

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